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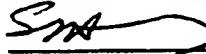
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For: READ-ONLY SERIAL INTERFACE WITH VERSATILE MODE  
PROGRAMMING (now amended to METHOD FOR PLACING A  
DEVICE IN A SELECTED MODE OF OPERATION)

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this amendment.**

**Remarks begin on page 9 of this amendment.**

**CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

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